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EXCERPT FROM DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S PRESS BRIEFING
MARCH 4, 1974:

QUOTE: Q. WHAT ABOUT THE REPORT OUT OF NEW DELHI THAT THE
SECRETARY PLANS TO STOP THERE BEFORE OR AFTER THE MOSCOW
TRIP?

A. WE ARE AWARE OF THE LONG-STANDING INTEREST OF THE
INDIAN GOVERNMENT IN HAVING HIM VISIT THERE. OF COURSE HE
HAS HAD IT IN MIND, TOO. BUT I AM NOT IN A POSITION NOW
TO TELL YOU IF THERE IS ANYTHING DEFINITE THAT HAS JELLED.
I JUST DON'T KNOW.

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Q. I AM SURE YOU KNOW THERE WAS A REMARK MADE BY THE U.S.

AMBASSADOR IN NEW DELHI.

A. YES, THAT IS RIGHT. BUT WE HAD ALWAYS THOUGHT OF A
TRIP TO INDIA IN TERMS OF MARCH-APRIL. END QUOTE. CASEY

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